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SUBJECT: CSCE: INFORMATION: WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS

REF: A) STATE 029372; B) GENEVA 572; C) GENEVA 571; D) GENEVA
569; E) MOSCOW 2694

1. THE INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE HAS "MENTALLY" REGISTERED
THE FIRST THREE PARAS IN SUBJECT TEXT. ON THE SECOND AND
THIRD PARAS, WESTERN DELEGATIONS GAVE APPROVAL WITH THE
RESERVATION THAT THEY WERE INCOMPLETE BECAUSE "TECHNICAL
STAFF" WAS NOT MENTIONED. THIS PROCEDURE WAS USED IN ORDER TO KEEP
THE OPTION OPEN BUT MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON THE PAPER,
SINCE SOVIETS WILL NOT ACCEPT MENTION OF "TECHNICAL STAFF".
REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE
LANGUAGE IN THIRD PARA MAKING CLEAR THAT "ARRANGEMENTS"
REFER TO RECIPROCITY IN ISSUANCE OF VISAS. THE TEXT
FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE PARTICIPATING STATES, DESIRING
TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH JOURNALISTS FROM
ONE PARTICIPATING STATE EXERCISE THEIR PROFESSION IN
ANOTHER PARTICIPATING STATE, INTEND IN PARTICULAR TO:
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AND REASONABLE TIME SCALE REQUESTS FROM JOURNALISTS

FOR VISAS;

-GRANT TO PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF THE
PARTICIPATING STATES, ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS,
MULTIPLY ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS;
END TEXT.

2. THE TEXTUAL ACCOMODATIONS ARE OBVIOUS. THEY REFLECT
BOTH SOVIET RESISTENCE AND THE DESIRES OF SOME WESTERN
DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE US, TO LIMIT THE DEGREE OF
COMMITMENT. IN THE THIRD PARA "ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGE-
MENTS" WAS ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF "ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY".
THE SOVIETS HAVE ASSURED US AND OTHERS THAT "ARRANGEMENTS"
MEANS "RECIPROCITY ARRANGED BILATERALLY BUT WITHOUT
AUTOMATICITY". THE PRESENT PHRASE WAS ACCEPTED BECAUSE
SOME NATO DELS, INCLUDING THE FRG, FEARED THAT "RECI-
PROCITY" COULD IMPLY A NUMERICAL LIMITATION. IF THE
DEPARTMENT SEES ANY ADVANTAGE IN INCLUDING A MENTION OF
RECIPROCITY WE COULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN IT THROUGH BI-
LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS, ACCOMPANIED BY
APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES. PLEASE ADVISE.
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